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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF FEA OFFICIALS

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1. REFTEL REQUESTED PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED VISITS OF FEA OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF VISITS WHICH PLACE A HEAVY BURDEN ON OUR GOVERNMENT AND COMPANY CONTACTS. HMG HAS A SMALL NUMBER OF TOP OFFICIALS WORKING ON ENERGY PROBLEMS AND A REAL DANGER EXISTS THAT WE MAY WEAR OUT OUR WELCOME AND STRAIN THE EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP THAT NOW EXISTS IF THERE ARE TOO MANY VISITORS AT ONE TIME WHO LEAVE TOO LITTLE TIME TO PREPARE FOR VISITS AND OBVIOUSLY HAVE TOO LITTLE COORDINATION BETWEEN THEM.

2. MR. KNUBEL, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AFFAIRS, ARRIVED IN LONDON BEFORE STATE 136824 ANNOUNCING HIS TRIP. MRS. BAUER IS NOW IN LONDON AND WE HAVE ARRANGED SCHEDULE COMPLEMENTARY TO THAT OF KNUBEL, ALTHOUGH WE HEARD OF HER PRECISE PLANS FROM MOBIL EUROPE (REFTEL).

3. FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE HAS JUST TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT WILLIAM WALKER, WHO, WE UNDERSTAND, IS GENERAL COUNSEL OF FEA, PLANS TO VISIT LONDON NEXT WEEK. FCO HAS TENTATIVELY ARRANGED MEETING IN DEPART-  
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MENT OF ENERGY WITH STEPHEN SPAIN (UNDER SECRETARY, OIL

POLICY DIVISION) AND REPRESENTATIVES OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND PRICE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS PRICING POLICY FOR 3:00 P.M., JULY 10. MEETING WITH STEPHEN EGERTON (HEAD, ENERGY DEPARTMENT, FCO) WILL BE ARRANGED FOR MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME ON THURSDAY MORNING.

4. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND (HARRIS, EPA/SMITH TELECONS JULY 1 AND 2) THAT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE IN FEA AND PRESIDENT OF GORDIAN ASSOCIATES, THE PRIMARY CONTRACTOR FOR FEA IN ENERGY CONSERVATION, WISH TO VISIT LONDON NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS ENERGY CONSERVATION. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THEY SEND CABLE STATING THEIR INTERESTS AND ASKING IF NEXT WEEK IS MOST OPPORTUNE TIME RAISE THESE MATTERS WITH HARD-PRESSED BRITISH BUREAUCRACY.

5. AGAIN SUGGEST DEPARTMENT AND FEA WORK OUT SYSTEM FOR ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF THESE VISITS, PREFERABLY GIVING US A CHANCE TO COMMENT ON THE TIMING AND SUBSTANCE OF THE VISIT. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS MORE OFFICIALS AND COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES GO ON LEAVE DURING JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

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